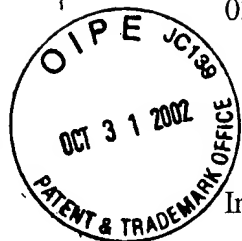


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

Each of the listed documents was cited in a Search Report from the European Patent Office in connection with a counterpart European application.

Applicants note that U.S. patent 4,339,762 and 4,429,321, cited on the Search Report, were previously cited to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the Information Disclosure Statement filed April 25, 2000.

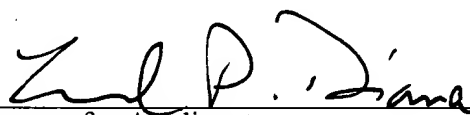
The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English document is provided by the English-language abstract attached thereto.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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